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Mr. Spencer, the aeronaut does not intend

stand, unless he is specially requested to do so.

As will be seen from an advertisement, the annual general meeting of St Andrew's Society will be held on Monday, 29th inst at 5 p.m.

The meeting called for this afternoon, to further consider the steps to be taken to perpetuate the memory of the late Dr. Stewart has been put off until Wednesday. Owing to some mistake made as to the day for which the meeting was called, only four gentlemen appeared, so the meeting was postponed.

At Commerce publishes a telegram stating that the best-root crop in Central Europe has been destroyed by inundations, and concludes therefrom that a rise in the price of cane sugar will shortly take place. In a later issue, however, it says there has been little change in the price of sugar, and that probably the telegram was not so important as was at first supposed.

According to a telegram in the *Rangoon Gazette*, Calcutta is wild with excitement about gold mining companies. Eight companies have been floated and a ninth is incubating. There is a feverish rush for shares and in one case the shares have gone up a thousand per cent. All other busi-

ness is neglected. The *Englishman* says: "Men are gambling with their eyes open and with a full knowledge of the possible consequences."

Foxo Yik, stone-cutter, who was arrested on the 26th of last month on a charge of murder, committed in Chinese territory, was brought before Mr. Wodehouse for the fifth time in the Police Court to-day. Inspector Corcoran said he had no further information. Two officers from Kowloon applied to the Captain Superintendent of

prisoners last Monday, for the rendition of the prisoner. They were going to apply to the Governor. Since then, witness had heard nothing more. He was not instructed to ask for a further remand. The prisoner was then discharged.

Mr. Robinson gave his finding this afternoon in connection with the inquiry into the circumstances connected with the recent fire at the premises of Messrs Blackhead and Co. His Worship said—No very probable cause of the origin of this fire has been discovered. A possible cause existed in the nearness of the Chinese kitchen in

The matched adjoining Messrs Blackhead & Co's premises, which does not seem to have been so securely protected as to render the escape of sparks unlikely. Assuming that sparks from this kitchen caused the fire, it would not have happened if the firelights over the godown doors had been closed that night.

The Phoenix has been temporarily taken off the Shanghai-Hongkong line, and is now alongside the Old Dock, Shanghai, for the usual general overhaul.

The Austrian man-of-war *Erzsi* left Chefoo on the 13th inst. for Chemulpo. She was called in at Fort Arthur on her way between

The Chinese man-of-war *Pingwen* has

It is worthy of note that this vessel is the first to be docked at that port.

INSPECTOR Ramsay left Shanghai on the 13th inst. for Chefoo to receive Mr Krips into custody and bring him back to Shanghai.

A GARGO-BOAT belonging to the China and Japan Trading Co., with 500 cases of kerosene oil on board, caught fire and was burnt to the water's edge at Nagasaki on the 6th. Only a few cases of oil stayed at the bottom of the boat were saved.

Mrs de Koroostown, who arrived in China for the *Iravaddy*, takes the post of 2nd Secretary.

Peking, taking the place of Prince Loban-off, promoted to be Consul for Russia at Yokohama.

The natives have peculiar ideas about warding off sickness. — Some time ago a number of deaths occurred in an alleyway near the Louz Police Station, — Shanghai, and the survivors, to prevent any more deaths, locked the gates of the alleyway to keep the sickness out. This is only, after all, a form of quarantine. — *N. C. Daily News*.

The Natural History of the Chinese Boy, and of the Chinese Girl, by the author of *Chinese Characteristics*, which appeared originally in the columns of the *N. C. Times*.

forms a pamphlet. The author is thoroughly conversant with his subject and his writing is an attractive style.

THE *Chefoo* arrived at Shanghai on the 13th instant, with her port and starboard sides damaged, having been run into by one of the most huggers at Wungang at 8 o'clock the same morning. The *Chefoo* was at "loosing" anchor waiting the tide, when the hugging vessel came sailing with the dredging operations at the bar, and was coming down towing a hopper. The tug tried to cross the bows of the *Chefoo*, but there was a strong ebb tide at the time, so that the attempt was unsuccessful. When the tug was abreast of the *Chefoo* she tried to turn, but the *Chefoo* was so close that there would be a collision, so the tug called out to stop, and to come to anchor. This was done, and the tug passed the steamer safely on one side, but the hopper rammed the *Chefoo* on the port side, smashing in the hull, and doing considerable damage to the main hatch, and breaking some of the main deck beams. In consequence of the accident, the *Chefoo* has been towed to the New

